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an obstruction member adapted to engage with the first end of the cord and a side wall of the bag so as to retain the cord to the side wall of the bag, wherein the aglet is adapted to be coupled to the obstruction member so as to inhibit subsequent removal of the aglet from the obstruction member following insertion of the aglet into the obstruction member to thereby secure the cord assembly to the side wall of the bag.

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17. The assembly of Claim 16, wherein the aglet is adapted to be affixed to the obstruction member.

18. The assembly of Claim 17, wherein the aglet is made from a material that permits bonding of the aglet to the obstruction member through the application of heat.

19. the assembly of Claim 16, wherein the aglet is adapted to be deformed to inhibit removal of the aglet form the obstruction member.

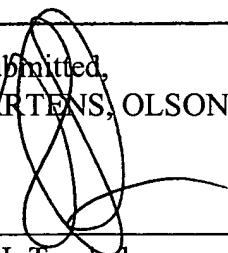
20. the assembly of Claim 19, wherein the obstruction member defines an aperture that the aglet is positioned therein and wherein the aglet is deformed to permit removal from the aperture of the obstruction member.

21. A method of fitting a base inset into a bag, the method comprising:
opening the mouth of the bag via the application of a partial vacuum to at least one side wall of the bag;
inserting the base into the opened bag; and
affixing the base insert to a bottom surface of the bag.

22. The method of Claim 21, wherein affixing the base insert to the bottom surface of the bag comprises positioning adhesive at the interface between the base insert and the bottom surface of the bag.

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